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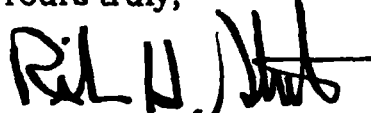
Re: AB-290 (Sub-No. 286), Norfolk Southern Railway Company—
Adverse Abandonment – St. Joseph County, IN

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter seeking expedited review of the Petition to Reopen is filed on behalf of the City of South Bend, IN, the Brothers of Holy Cross, Inc., the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Inc. and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. By its letter dated October 3, 2011, Norfolk Southern Railway Company has advised the Board that "due to the very unique circumstances of this particular situation, NSR does not object to the relief sought by Petitioners." In addition, I have been advised by John Heffner, counsel for The Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Railway Co., LLC, which previously opposed abandonment of these long dormant branch lines, that it has no further interest. As a result, the Petition to Reopen and the relief sought is unopposed.

Because no rail operations have been conducted over the two branch lines that are the subject of this proceeding since 1994 or 1995 and, more importantly, because there is no demonstrated future need for rail service over them, expedited consideration of this unopposed petition to reopen is respectfully requested. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,



Richard H. Streeter

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Cc: All parties of record

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